Mr. A. Gopala Menon : In some cases, the schools were voluntarily closed by the managers themselves. In some cases, the schools were asked to close because they did not satisfy the conditions imposed. I have got here a complete list of schools showing the reasons for closing each. In some cases, there was over-lapping ; in some cases the management was unsatisfactory, etc.

President : You may place that list on the table of the Secretary.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Could not the help of the Department be given to them for putting them right ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : In many cases, help and advice were given by the Department. But many schools were closed either because they were unnecessary or because there was over-lapping.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Will the member be pleased to explain the term 'unnecessary' ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : In some places there are other schools serving the same area with plenty of accommodation and where more pupils could be accommodated.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Does the member suggest that there are too many schools in the State ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : There are too many schools in particular areas in the State.

Maintenance staff attached to the Alleppey Pier and Steam Winch.

107. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the maintenance staff attached to the Alleppey Pier and Steam Winch praying that their conditions of service may be improved ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken thereon ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being looked into.

Coir Trade Committee.

108. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have constituted a Coir Trade Committee ;

(*b*) what is the function of such Committee ;

(*c*) whether there is any in the Committee to represent the producer of coir yarn ;

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(*d*) whether the Committee consists of manufacturers and coir yarn merchants;

(*e*) whether the Committee has any voice in fixing the price of coir yarn after the Government have taken war orders.

(*f*) whether the Government have controlled the prices of certain varieties of coir yarn; and

(*g*) if so, whether they have consulted with any producer or any association representing the producers of yarn in fixing the prices?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Committee functions as a liaison organisation between the Government and the coir goods manufacturers in the matter of execution of orders for coir stores placed with this Government by the Supply Department of the Government of India.

(*c*) Yes. Some members are also producers of coir yarn.

(*d*) The Committee does include manufacturers and coir yarn merchants.

(*e*) The Committee was consulted before the present prices were fixed.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes; they consulted the Coir Trade Committee on which yarn producers also are represented.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: With reference to part (*c*) of the question, may I know the name of the representatives of the yarn producers?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Mr. K. V. Nanoo and Mr. B. M Peter.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether it is after ascertaining that the Government have stated that they are yarn producers?

Mr. C. Kumara Das. Yes, Sir.

Grants to Sanskrit Schools.

109. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government give grants to Sanskrit Schools of all grades;

(*b*) what is the maximum and minimum grant given to a High School; and

(*c*) the total number of such schools in the State?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to Appendix "A", page 146 of the Revised Edition of the Travancore Education Code;

(*c*) The member is referred to Chapter VII, page 46 of the Administration Report of the Education Department for 1118 M. E.

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